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Environmental Justice Achievement Awards



*Recognizing Successful Partnerships
Achieving Public Health and Environmental Justice Goals*

Mitigation Agreement Commission and the Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities



The Mitigation Agreement Installment Payment is awarded.



A planning meeting (at Accabee Community Center) to determine placement of temporary air monitors for PM 2.5 study.



Partners discuss project scope at the Stromboli Corridor Design Charrette hosted by Clemson University.

EPA is pleased to present a 2009 Environmental Justice Achievement Award to the [Mitigation Agreement Commission \(MAC\)](#) and the [Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities \(LAMC\)](#) for their work with the city of North Charleston and the South Carolina Ports Authority to foster environmental protection and economic revitalization in distressed neighborhoods.

The partnership between MAC and LAMC created a \$4.08 million community plan for the City of North Charleston that will fund community, neighborhood, and economic development projects and focus on developing grassroots solutions to environmental justice issues and pollution. Due to the formation of LAMC and the subsequent development of the MAC, more than \$8,250 in education scholarships have been awarded and a consultant to develop the marketing and revitalization plans to strengthen the neighborhoods and to research affordable housing development options has been selected. In just three years, the partnership has provided a voice for previously unheard communities, and now serves as a primary liaison between elected officials, public agencies, planners, private developers, and the neighborhoods it represents. This partnership represents one of the first port expansion projects to include both community revitalization and environmental protection projects as part of its formal mitigation plan. The formation of this partnership has brought a more keen awareness of environmental concerns to the Ports Authority.

Partners

Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities
City of North Charleston
North Charleston City Council, District 10
South Carolina State Ports Authority
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
Institute for Families in Society, University of South Carolina
Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture,
Clemson University

South Carolina Department of Transportation
Berkeley – Charleston – Dorchester Council of Governments
Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
South Carolina Employment Commission
North Charleston Housing Authority
Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
Clemson University Restoration Institute